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**FORMER EMPLOYEE PLEADS GUILTY TO EMBEZZLING MONEY
FROM COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA UNION IN ODESSA, TEXAS**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that Judy Cary, former bookkeeper for the Communications Workers of America Local 6127 in Odessa, Texas, pleaded guilty to stealing money from the labor organization.

Appearing before United States Magistrate Judge L. Stuart Platt yesterday afternoon, Cary admitted that from January 2001 to November 2005, she made out union checks to herself and cashed them. Cary also admitted that she covered up her actions by miscoding the checks in the union ledgers. According to the indictment in this case, Cary allegedly stole approximately \$29,000.

Cary faces up to five years in federal prison, a maximum \$250,000 fine and full restitution to the Union. Sentencing is scheduled for November before United States District Judge Robert Junell in Midland.

This case was investigated by the Department of Labor - Office of Labor Management Standards. Assistant United States Attorney John Klassen is prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.

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